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Introduction



This volume contains a description and analysis of the semi-official medals and decorations issued within the Austrian and later Austro-Hungarian Empire other than those made for the collector trade or for commercial purposes. This will include medals issued by entities other than the central Austrian or Austro-Hungarian government so long as they are directly related to the military mission of the government. This volume on semi-official medals will describe medals issued by entities other than the emperor to military or civil officials, by municipalities such as cities and cantons, by military units, by societies such as the Red Cross and the War Help Bureau and by veteran societies. The exception will be the official Red Cross decorations which were issued by the central government and will be addressed in the volume on decorations. Thus the reader can expect to find in this section of this volume a description of semi-official awards issued by the Austrian veterans societies.





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Decoration for Veterans with 8 Years' Service
(Distinktionszeichen für Veteranen nach 8 Dienstjahren)



Decoration for Veterans with 8 Years' Service, Type II

Date Issued: 1780-1849

Reason Issued: Issued to honor soldiers, from the rank of Feldwebel and below who reenlisted after 8 years of service.

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- Austrian Nationals who reenlisted without receiving bonus money were eligible for this award
- Foreigners serving in the Austrian army were eligible for this award regardless of whether they received bonus money for reenlisting.

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A one-sided oval shield of sheet brass

Obverse: A floating crested helmet below which are crossed, implements of war including crossed flags, lances, a rifle, a canon barrel, a drum and cannon balls. At the bottom left are two cannonballs and on the right seven cannonballs. In the upper part of the badge is the curved inscription "VETERANIS". The edge of the shield is framed by a laurel wreath. The shield is provided with paired holes so that it can be sewn on the uniform. The decoration was worn stitched to the left side of the tunic on a red cloth backing so that a narrow strip of red cloth remained visible.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: Unknown

Size:

Type I: 45 X 40 mm

Type II: 65 to 67 mm high, 55 to 58 mm wide

Type III: 65 X 56 mm

Type of Material: Sheet brass

Variations: There are three variations of this award

- Type I as described above
- Type II: A floating crested helmet with scaled chinstraps hanging down, below which are crossed, **but better struck implements of war. At the bottom left are four cannonballs and on the right five cannonballs.** In the upper part of the badge is the curved inscription "VETERANIS". **Below the weapons is "W" (Wirth).** The edge of the shield is framed by a laurel wreath. The decoration was stitched to the tunic on a red cloth backing on the left side of the breast so that a narrow strip of red cloth remained visible.

· Type III: Later form (Produced at the beginning of the 19th century) as Type II, but the crested helmet is hovering above a hillside and on the lower left are three cannonballs.

Designer: Johann. Nepomuk Wirth





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Decoration for Veterans with 8 Years' Service
(Distinktionszeichen für Veteranen nach 8 Dienstjahren)

Manufacturer: Unknown
Number Issued: Unknown
Case: None
Ribbon: None
Attachments: None
Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Decoration for Veterans with 16 Years' Service
(Distinktionszeichen für Veteranen nach 16 Dienstjahren)



Date Issued: 1780-1849

Reason Issued: Issued to honor soldiers, from the rank of Feldwebel and below who reenlisted after 16 years of service.

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- Austrian Nationals who reenlisted without receiving bonus money were eligible for this award
- Foreigners serving in the Austrian army were eligible for this award regardless of whether they received bonus money for reenlisting.

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A one-sided hexagonal shield of sheet brass

Obverse: Within a circular laurel wreath bound above and below with a ribbon is a small round central rosette around which is the inscription "VETERANIS". Around the exterior of the laurel wreath runs a deep plain band, from which rays run out to the edges of the six sides of the badge. The decorations were stitched to the left side of the tunic on a red cloth backing so that a narrow strip of red cloth was visible around it.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: Unknown

Size: 73 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Sheet brass

Variations: None known

Designer: Johann. Nepomuk Wirth

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: None

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Military Veterans Cross

(Militar-Veteranenkreuz)



Date Issued: 1866

Reason Issued: Issued to honor the veterans of the Seven Weeks War of 1866

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A golden pebbled clawed cross with a laurel wreath passing between the arms and a silver center medallion

Obverse: A golden pebbled clawed cross with a laurel wreath passing between the arms and a silver center medallion with an oak wreath. Inside the wreath is the letter V in gothic script.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: Unknown

Size: 32 mm in diameter not counting the suspension ring

Type of Material: Bronze gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Yellow ribbon with black side stripes

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Imperial and Royal Military Veterans Society of Auscha Medal
(K.K Militar Veteranen vereिन Auscha)



Date Issued: 1870

Reason Issued: Issued to honor the members of the Military Veterans Society of Auscha

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A round white metal medal with a raised rim and attached eye.

Obverse: Inside a raised rim is a circle within which is a stand of arms. Within a second circle between the edge of the medal and the circle with the stand of arms is inscribed, starting at the 7 o'clock position, **K.K.MIL.VETERANEN VEREIN**. Translation: Imperial and Royal Veterans Society. At the bottom of the medal in the same circle is the word **AUSCHA** bordered on both sides with a rosette.

Reverse: Inside a raised rim is a wreath composed of laurel on the viewer's right and oak on the left. The boughs of the wreath are tied at the bottom with a ribbon in the form of a bow. Within the wreath in five lines are inscribed **FAHMEN/WEIHE/AM/26 JUNI/1870**. Translation: Dedicated on 26 June 1870. At the top of the medal just below the suspension eye is inscribed in small letters **IOAH ??A 9.1**

Weight: 8 grams

Size: 28 mm in diameter not counting the suspension ring

Type of Material: White Metal

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Half green and half black with the green on the left.

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Veterans Medal for XXV Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Medaille für 25 Jahren Dienst)



Image attributed to the Book of Orders
& Decorations , Vaclav Mericka

Date Issued: 1880

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian Veterans Society in Prague to denote 25 years military service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: An oval shield surrounded with a stand of flags and topped by a soldiers hat.

Obverse: An oval shield surrounded with a stand of flags and topped by a soldiers hat. The shield has a raised rim and a beaded border. Inside the rim are stylized decorations. In the center of the shield is the inscription **25 JAHRIGE DIENSTERN**. Translation: 25 years' service

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Brass and silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Yellow with five black stripes

Attachments: None

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Thal Veterans Society Medal

(Thal Veteranen Verein Medaille)



Date Issued: 1899

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society in Thal

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round open laurel wreath on which is placed a stand of flags and topped by a soldiers hat. Across the center of the award is a banner.

Obverse: A round open laurel wreath on which is placed a stand of flags and topped by a soldiers hat. Across the center of the award is a banner inscribed: **Militar-Verein Thal 1899**. Translation: Military Society of Thal.

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Brass

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Weisskirchen Veterans Society Membership Medal
(Weisskirchen Militaerisch Veteranenverein Medaille)



Date Issued: 1901

Reason Issued: Issued to members of the Carl Freiherr von Hanstein Military Veterans Society of Weisskirchen to indicate their membership in the society

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A trophy of arms composed of cannon flags and rifles.

Obverse: A trophy of arms with two crossed cannons at the bottom and four crossed flags at the top. Between the flags are two crossed rifles and a sword hilt up. Superimposed over the trophy is a shield with the imperial eagle in gilt on it. Below the shield is an enameled ribbon with the inscription: **Carl. Freiherr. V. Hanstein Milit. Vet. Ver. Weisskirchen**. Translation: Carl Freiherr von Hanstein Military Veterans Society of Weisskirchen.

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Brass and enamel

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None known

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Czechoslovak Military Veterans Association Medal
(Medaille der tschechoslowakischen Militärvereinigung)



Date Issued: 1902

Reason Issued: To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovak Military Veterans Association in 1897

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with a slightly raised rim and an attached small spade shaped eye

Obverse: A round medal with a slightly raised rim inside of which is the following inscription starting at the 7 o'clock position: **S BOHEM PRO DISARE A VLAST**. Translation: With God's help for Emperor and Fatherland. Inside of the inscription is a fine line within which is a stand of arms with a drum and hat in the center.

Reverse: A round medal with a slightly raised rim inside of which is the following inscription starting at the 7 o'clock position: **SROLE OJENS VYSLOUZILEN FARNOSTI JURANSKE**. Inside of the inscription is a fine line within which is another inscription in six lines: **NA / PAMATKU / 25. LETENO / TRAVNI SPULKU / DNE 26 ZARI / 1897**. Translation: In commemoration of 25 years of the existence of the Association on 26 September 1897

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Salzburg Military Veterans Society Anniversary Celebration Medal
(Salzburg Militar Veteranen Verein Grundungsfestmedaille)



Date Issued: June 28 and 29, 1903

Reason Issued: Issued to members of the Salzburg Military Veterans Society to commemorate the 40th anniversary of its founding in 1863

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: Since Austro-Hungarian regiments were raised geographically most of those who belonged to this veteran's society would have also served together in the same regiments

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with a raised rim and a small round spade handle shaped suspension eye.

Obverse: The image of the ancient Salzburg fortress on a plain field within a raised circle. Outside the circle between it and the raised edge of the medal is inscribed: **MIT GOTT FÜR KAISER UND VATERLAND**. Translation: With God for Emperor and Fatherland. At the ends of the inscription are three stars. Below the image of the fortress and inside the ring is the maker's name: Zimbler Wien 7/2

Reverse: In the center of the medal on a plain field is the seven line inscription: **ZUR / ERINNERUNG / AN DAS / 40 JAHRIGE / GRÜNDUNGSFEST / AM 28 u 29 JUNI / 1903**. Translation: to commemorate the 40 year foundation festival on 28, 29 June 1903. Outside the circle and paralleling the edge of the rim of the medal is inscribed: **FÜRST KARL AUERPERG MILITAR VETERANEN U. KRIEGER VEREIN SALZBURG***. Translation: Prince Karl Auersperg Military Veterans and Soldiers Society of Salzburg.

Weight: 9 grams

Size: 31 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Josef Zimbler

Manufacturer: Josef Zimbler

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Salzburg Military Veterans Society Anniversary Celebration Medal
(Salzburg Militar Veteranen Verein Grundungsfestmedaille)



Ribbon: A straight orange ribbon with a wide white center stripe.

Attachments: None known

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Military Veterans Society Vienna Chapter 25 Year Anniversary Celebration Medal (Militar Veteranen Verein Wien Kapitel No.4 25 Jahr Grundungsfestmedaille)



Date Issued: 1903

Reason Issued: Issued to members of the Imperial Veterans Society Vienna Chapter No. 4 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the imperial army Veterans Association in 1878

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- Since Austro-Hungarian regiments were raised geographically most of those who belonged to this veterans society would have also served together in the same regiments
- E.B.V. No 4 is in Vienna

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with a loop shaped suspension eye.

Obverse: A plain field on which is a stand of arms with the imperial crown at the top. In the center of the arms is the imperial eagle. Surrounding it is an inscription: **K.K. MILITAR V. REICHSBUND**. Translation: Royal and Imperial Military Veterans Society. The stand of arms is superimposed over an oak and laurel wreath. Passing over the bottom of the trophy of arms is a ribbon inscribed: **MIT GOTT FUR KAISER U. VATERLAND**. Translation: With God for Emperor and Fatherland. Around the edge of the medal and thus surrounding the stand of arms is inscribed: **ZUR ERINNERUNG AN DEN 25 JAHR BESTAND 1878-1903**. Translation: In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the year of foundation 1878-1903

Reverse: In the center is a representation of the memorial to Archduke Karl. Below the horse is the name of the engraver A. Belada. Around the image inside a raised ring is inscribed: **GENERALISSIMUS ERZE. KARL. WIEN**. Translation: Generalissimo Archduke Karl Vienna. Outside the raised ring and following the contour of the medal is inscribed: **K.K.REICHSBUND MILITAR V. VEREIN. E.B.V.No.4**. Translation: Royal Imperial, National Military Veterans Society Honor Society of Vienna. No. 4

Weight: 13.5 grams

Size: 32 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Military Veterans Society Vienna Chapter, 25 Year Anniversary Celebration Medal

(Militar Veteranen Verein Wien Kapital No.4 25 Jahr Grundungsfestmedaille)



Variations: None known

Designer: A. Belada

Manufacturer: A. Belada

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: This medal has been reported on two ribbons

- Red tri-fold
- Imperial Yellow and black tri-fold ribbon

Attachments: None

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Kamitz Nikelsdorf Veteran Society Flag Consecration Medal 1905 (Kamitz Nikelsdorf Veteran Vereins Fahnenweihe Erinnerungsmedaille 1905)



Date Issued: 1905

Reason Issued: To commemorate the consecration of the flag of the militia unit stationed in Kamitz Nikelsdorf on August 13, 1905

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with a small loop shaped attached eye and a raised rim

Obverse: A bearded bust of Emperor Franz Joseph I facing to the viewers left and wearing the uniform of a Field Marshal with the Order of the Golden Fleece at the neck and decorations on the left breast. Around the upper portion of the image and following the contour of the medal is inscribed: **FRANZ JOSEF I KAISER V. OSTERREICH.**

Reverse: A plain field on which is inscribed in seven lines the first and last of which are curved to follow the upper and lower contour to the medal: **ZUR ERINNERUNG/AN DIE / FAHNANWEIHE/ DES MILIT. VETR VEREINES / IN KAMITZ. NIKELSDORF/ U.D.BISTREI/ 13 AUGUST 1905.**

Translation: In commemoration of the consecration of the flag of the military Veterans Society of Kamitz Nikelsdorf and Bistrei on August 13, 1905.

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Red

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Trieste Military Veterans Society Jubilee and Best Shot Medal
(Triest Militar Veteranen Verein Jubiläums und Best Schiessen Medaille)



Date Issued: October 4, 1908

Reason Issued: Issued to commemorate the Trieste Veterans Society Jubilee celebration and third best shot contest held on October 4, 1908

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with a small round spade handle shaped suspension eye.

Obverse: Inside a raised rim is the image of Emperor Franz Joseph I facing to the viewers left. Around the upper portion of the bust is inscribed: **FRANCISCUS JOSEPHUS**. Behind the bust at the neck is inscribed: 1908

Reverse: Inside a raised rim is a 7 line inscription with the first line and the last line following the contour of the medal. The inscription reads: **MILITAR VETERANEN VEREIN / JUBILAUMS / UND / III KAISER BEST / SCHIESSEN / 4 X 1908 / TRIEST**. Translation: Military Veterans Society Jubilee and third Emperors Best Shot 10, 4, 1908 Trieste

Weight: 12.5 grams

Size: 29 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Red

Attachments: None

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Bosnia-Herzegovina Veterans Cross
(Osterreichischen Bosnia-Herzegovina Veteranen Kreuz)



Image attributed to Book of Orders
& Decorations , Vaclav Mericka

Date Issued: 1910-1917

Reason Issued: Issued to the Austrian veterans of the Bosnian-Herzegovina annexation

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A Leopold type cross with an oblong center medallion and scimitars between the arms with a loop shaped suspension eye on the upper arm.

Obverse: A Leopold type cross with an oblong center medallion and scimitars between the arms with a loop shaped suspension eye on the upper arm. The center medallion is topped by a crown. On the center medallion is inscribed: **L / U / L / A** inside a fine inscribed line. Inside the arms are colored inserts shaped similar to the arms.

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Unknown

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Hoch and Deutchmeister Military Veterans Society Commemoration Medal

(Hoch und Deutchmeister Militar Veteranen Vereines Erinnerungsmedaille)



Date Issued: September 11, 1910

Reason Issued: To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Hoch and Deutchmeister Veterans Society on September 11, 1910

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with a raised rim and an attached flat suspension eye.

Obverse: Inside the raised rim is a depiction of the Hoch and Deutchmeister memorial surrounded on two sides by laurel boughs.

Reverse: The reverse of the medal has an inscription in nine lines the first and last of which follow the contour of the medal. The inscription reads: **ZUR ERINNERUNG / AN DIE / 80 JAHRIGE / GRÜNDUNGSFEIER / DES HOCH UND DEUTCHMEISTER / MILITAR. VETERANEN - / VEREINES / AM / 11 SEPTEMBER 1910**. Translation: To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Hoch und Deutchmeister Military Veterans Society on September 11, 1910.

Weight: 19 grams

Size: 38 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Honor Legion Cross

(Osterreichischen Ehrenlegion Kreuz)



Date Issued: 1918-1938

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian Honor Legion to denote military service in WWI

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: S superimposed over D on the reverse of the lower cross arm.

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Design: A golden clawed cross with a center medallion and a narrow oak wreath passing between its arms. The upper arm of the cross has a small loop shaped suspension ring that is set vertically to the cross arm.

Obverse: A cross with a narrow oak leaf wreath between the arms. The arms have raised wedge shaped areas paralleling the shape of the arms. In the center of the cross is a flat round medallion with a narrow slightly raised rim. Inside the rim is the two line inscription: **PRO / PATRIA** and a star in the middle. Translation: for patriotism.

Reverse: A cross with a narrow oak leaf wreath between the arms. The reverse is plain with two exceptions. The center medallion is slightly raised with narrow a raised edge and a three line inscription in the center. **OSTERR. / 1914-1918 / EHRENLEGION**. Translation: Austrian 1914-1918 Honor Legion. On the lower arm is inscribed with a hallmark composed of the letters S over D.

Weight: 15 grams

Size: 41 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Gilt bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Cornflower blue

Attachments: Swords

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross for VI Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für VI Jahren Dienst)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society to denote 6 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- These crosses resembled the official military service crosses except the center medallions usually varied from the official awards by the addition of an oak wreath or in being made of silver.
- This cross has a silvered center and wreath both of which do not appear on the 6 year military service cross
- These crosses were known in the soldiers vernacular as "liquor crosses"

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross.

Obverse: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross. The arms have a narrow slanted rim. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a 17 mm raised silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Roman Numeral VI in the center.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 8 grams

Size: 36 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt, war metal

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with wide black stripes near the edges. Worn in the tri-fold style

Attachments: None

Miniature: Miniatures of these crosses exist (see picture to the right)





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross for VIII Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für VIII Jahren Dienst)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society to denote 8 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- These crosses resembled the official service crosses except the center medallions usually varied from the official awards by the addition of an oak wreath or in being made of silver.
- This cross has a silvered center and wreath both of which do not appear on the service cross
- These crosses were known in the soldiers vernacular as "liquor crosses"

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross.

Obverse: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross. The arms have a narrow slanted rim. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a 17 mm raised silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Roman Numeral VIII in the center.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 11.5 grams

Size: 32 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt, war metal

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with wide black stripes near the edges. Worn in the tri-fold style

Attachments: None

Miniature: Miniatures of these crosses exist (see picture to the right)





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Veterans Cross for X Years' Service

(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für X Jahren Dienst)

Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society to denote 10 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- These crosses resembled the official service crosses except the center medallions usually varied from the official awards by the addition of an oak wreath or in being made of silver.
- This cross has a silvered center and wreath both of which do not appear on the service cross
- These crosses were known in the soldiers vernacular as "liquor crosses"

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross.

Obverse: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross. The arms have a narrow slanted rim. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a 17 mm raised silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Roman Numeral X in the center.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 11.5 grams

Size: 32 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt, war metal

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with wide black stripes near the edges. Worn in the tri-fold style

Attachments: None

Miniature: Miniatures of these crosses exist (see picture to the right)





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross for XII Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für XII Jahren Dienst)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society to denote 12 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- This cross resembled the official Type I twelve year service cross
- These crosses were known in the soldiers vernacular as "liquor crosses"

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross.

Obverse: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross. The arms have a narrow slanted rim. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a 17 mm raised silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Roman Numeral XII in the center.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 11.5 grams

Size: 32 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt, war metal

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with wide black stripes near the edges. Worn in the tri-fold style

Attachments: None

Miniature: Miniatures of these crosses exist (see picture to the right)





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross for XIV Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für XIV Jahren Dienst)

Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society to denote 14 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- These crosses resembled the official service crosses except the center medallions usually varied from the official awards by the addition of an oak wreath or in being made of silver.
- This cross is for a number of years of service for which an official service cross was never issued
- These crosses were known in the soldiers vernacular as "liquor crosses"

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross.

Obverse: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross. The arms have a narrow slanted rim. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a 17 mm raised silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Roman Numeral XIV in the center.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 11.5 grams

Size: 32 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt, war metal

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with wide black stripe near the edges. Worn in the tri-fold style

Attachments: None

Miniature: Miniatures of these crosses exist (see picture to the right)





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Veterans Cross for XXV Years' Service

(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für XXV Jahren Dienst)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society to denote 25 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- These crosses resembled the official service crosses except the center medallions usually varied from the official awards by the addition of an oak wreath or in being made of silver.
- This cross is for a number of years of service for which an official service cross was never issued
- These crosses were known in the soldiers vernacular as "liquor crosses"

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped eye on the top arm of the cross.

Obverse: A clawed cross and an attached loop shaped beaded eye on the top arm of the cross. The arms have a narrow slanted rim. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a 25 mm attached laurel wreath within which is a raised 17 mm vaulted silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Roman Numeral XXV in the center.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 17 grams

Size: 35 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with wide black stripes near the edges. Worn in the tri-fold style

Attachments: None

Miniature: Miniatures of these crosses exist





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross for XXVI Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für XXVI Jahren Dienst)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society to denote 26 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- These crosses resembled the official service crosses except the center medallions usually varied from the official awards by the addition of an oak wreath or in being made of silver.
- This cross is for a number of years of service for which an official service cross was never issued
- These crosses were known in the soldiers vernacular as "liquor crosses"

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross and an attached ball shaped eye on the top arm of the cross.

Obverse: A clawed cross and an attached ball shaped eye on the top arm of the cross. The arms have a narrow slanted rim. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a 17 mm raised silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Roman Numeral XXVI in the center.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 17 grams

Size: 35 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with wide black stripes near the edges. Worn in the tri-fold style

Attachments: None

Miniature: Miniatures of these crosses exist





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross for XXX Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für XXX Jahren Dienst)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society to denote 30 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts:

- These crosses resembled the official service crosses except the center medallions usually varied from the official awards by the addition of an oak wreath or in being made of silver.
- This cross is for a number of years of service for which an official service cross was never issued
- These crosses were known in the soldiers vernacular as "liquor crosses"

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross and an attached ball shaped eye on the top arm of the cross.

Obverse: A clawed cross and an attached ball shaped eye on the top arm of the cross. The arms have a narrow slanted rim. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a 17 mm raised silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Roman Numeral XXX in the center.

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 17 grams

Size: 35 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with wide black stripes near the edges. Worn in the tri-fold style

Attachments: None

Miniature: Miniatures of these crosses exist





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Navy Veterans Cross

(Osterreichischen Marine Veteranen Kreuz)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by veterans of the Austrian navy to commemorate their war service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A clawed cross with a narrow oak wreath between the arms and with sloping edges and a round center medallion.

Obverse: A clawed cross with a narrow oak wreath between the arms and with sloping edges and a round center medallion. Inside the arms of the cross is a beaded outline and a pebbled depressed area that are the same shape as the cross arms. In the center of the cross is a vaulted center medallion with a rope like design on the rim. Inside the rim is a round center medallion inscribed: **PRO FIDE // SOS / ET CONSTANTIA** . In the center of the medallion is a fowled anchor.

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Unknown

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Veterans Cross

(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by veterans of the Austrian armed forces to commemorate their war service

Classes or Types: Two

- Officers cross
- Enlisted cross

Interesting Facts: The meaning of the inscription on this cross is unknown to the author

Hallmarks: None known

Design:

- Officers Cross: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a green enameled oak wreath around the center medallion and a ball shaped suspension eye on the top arm.
- Enlisted cross: A clawed cross with sloping edges, a green enameled oak wreath applied to the arms and a round center medallion. On the top arm is a loop shaped suspension eye.

Obverse:

- Officer Cross: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a green enameled oak wreath with a round enameled center medallion and a ball shaped suspension eye on the top arm. On the center medallion is inscribed V.T.
- Enlisted cross: A clawed cross with sloping edges, a green enameled oak wreath applied to the arms and a round gilt center medallion with a raised rim. On the center medallion is inscribed V.T.

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material:

- Officers cross = Unknown
- Brass and enamel

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross
(Osterreichischen Veteranen Kreuz)

Manufacturer: Unknown
Number Issued: Unknown
Case: Unknown
Ribbon: Unknown
Attachments: None
Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Veterans Cross

(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by veterans of the Austrian armed forces to commemorate their war service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: The meaning of the inscription on this cross is unknown to the author

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a wide oak wreath around the center medallion and a ring shaped suspension eye on the top arm.

Obverse: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a wide oak wreath around center medallion and a ring shaped suspension eye on the top arm. On the center medallion is inscribed **O.T.**

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Unknown

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Veterans Cross

(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by veterans of the Austrian armed forces to commemorate their war service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: The meaning of the inscription on this cross is unknown to the author

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a round the center medallion and a ball shaped suspension eye on the top arm.

Obverse: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a round center medallion with a raised rim and two line border. The center medallion is vaulted and is inscribed **W.G. A.**

Reverse: Plain

Weight: 10.5 grams

Size: 33 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Lacquered bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Yellow with two wide black edge stripes

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Veterans Cross

(Osterreichischen Veteranen Kreuz)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by veterans of the Austrian armed forces to commemorate their war service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: The meaning of the inscription on this cross is unknown to the author

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A six armed clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a 25 mm round center medallion and a loop shaped suspension eye on the top arm.

Obverse: A six armed clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a round 25 mm center medallion with an oak wreath border. The center medallion is vaulted and is divided into two portions by a narrow raised line. The inner portion has the initials **K.V.** while the outer portion is inscribed **FEISTRITZ SUETSCHACHL. R. U. UNG**

Reverse: Plain with a rivet protruding from the center that was for attaching the obverse center of the medallion.

Weight: 19 grams

Size: 46 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: A straight ribbon Yellow with two wide black edge stripes

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Veterans Cross

(Osterreichischen Veteranen Kreuz)



Date Issued: 1918-1922

Reason Issued: Worn by veterans of the Austrian armed forces to commemorate their war service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a 25 mm round center medallion and a loop shaped suspension eye on the top arm.

Obverse: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a round 25 mm center medallion with an oak wreath border. The center medallion is vaulted and has the letter **D** (Dienst: service) in its center. A laurel wreath passes through the arms of the cross.

Reverse: Plain.

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze and silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: A straight ribbon Yellow with two wide black edge stripes

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Enlistment Commemoration Medal
(Erinnerungsmedaille für Dienstzeit)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: Issued to commemorate service in the armed forces

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: Since this medal features a young image of Franz Joseph it is possible that it dates from circa 1848-1860

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with a small round spade handle shaped suspension eye.

Obverse: Inside a slightly raised rim is a beaded line. Inside the line is a bust of Emperor Franz Joseph I facing to the viewer's right. Above his head is the imperial crown. He wears a wreath on his head which is tied at the back with a bow. Around the bust is a wreath composed of two laurel boughs which pass behind the neck of the bust. The bust and crown are circumscribed with a fine line. Between the beaded line near the edge of the medal and the fine line around the bust and crown is an inscription: **FRANZ JOSEPH I KAISER V. OSTERREICH. KON. V. BOHM. ETC. AP. KON. V. UNGARN.** Translation: Franz Joseph I Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia etc., Apostolic King of Hungary.

Reverse: Inside a slightly raised rim is a finely beaded line. Within the line is a stylized shelf on which is resting the coat of arms of Hungary and Austria with that of Austria on the left. On each side of the coat of arms is an oak bough. Above the coat of arms is a star emanating rays in all directions. Around the upper half of the edge of the medal is an inscription: **ZUR ERINNERUNG AN MEINE DIENSTZEIT.** Translation: In memory of my enlistment period. At the bottom of the medal is the name of the medalist, **G.B. Wies B.**

Weight: 6.9 grams

Size: 32.6 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Brass

Variations: None

Designer: G.B. Weis Brothers

Manufacturer: G.B. Weis Brothers

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Enlistment Commemoration Medal
(Erinnerungsmedaille für Dienstzeit)

Ribbon: Imperial Yellow
Attachments: None known
Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross for 40 Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für 40 Jahren Dienst)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society for 40 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a round center medallion. On the top arm of the cross is a ring shaped suspension eye.

Obverse: A clawed cross with sloping edges to the arms and a round center medallion. The inner portion of the arms is depressed and lined with a fine beading. The portion inside of the arms is pebbled. In the center of the cross is a raised silver, circular center medallion with an oak wreath around the edge and the raised Arabic numeral 40 in the center.

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze gilt and silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial Yellow with wide black edge stripes

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Austrian Veterans Cross for 50 Years' Service
(Österreichischen Veteranen Kreuz für 50 Jahren Dienst)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian veterans society for 50 years' service

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross with a round center medallion. On the top arm of the cross is a loop shaped suspension eye.

Obverse: A clawed cross with narrow edges to the arms and a round center medallion. The inner portion of the arms is black enamel. On each arm is a word. Reading counter clock wise from the top arm they are: FUR / TREUE VEREIN IM. In the center of the cross is a circular raised gilt border shaped like a rope. Inside this border is a plain white field on which is the number 50 in gold.

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze gilt and black enamel

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Imperial yellow with two narrow black edge stripes

Attachments: None

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Gallneukirchen Veterans Society Decoration
(Gallneukirchen Veteranen Verein Ehrenzeichen)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Gallneukirchen Veterans Society

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: The badge is stamped out of a sheet of brass

Hallmarks: None

Design: A trophy of arms composed of crossed cannons, crossed flags, swords and rifles topped with a soldier's hat.

Obverse: A trophy of arms composed of two crossed cannons with four cannon balls above them. Two crossed Austrian flags with imperial eagles, two rifles with bayonets and two sheathed swords with their hilts up. Between the rifles is a drum with a soldier's hat sitting on top. Superimposed on the trophy is a curved rectangular attachment on which is the inscription: **VETERANEN-VEREIN GALLNEUKIRCHEN**

Reverse: The mirror image of the stamped out front of the badge

Weight: 19.5 grams

Size: 63 mm long and 58 mm wide

Type of Material: Brass and silver

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None known

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards
Bohemia Veterans Society Jubilee Medal
(Jubilaumsmedaillen der Veternvereine in Bohmen)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: Issued to commemorate the foundation of the Bohemian Veterans Society

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with attached eye and a raised rim

Obverse: In the center is an image of St. Wenzel on horseback. Below the horse is a pyramid emitting rays of light. Around the edge of the medal is an inscription on an area bordered with a fine line. The inscription reads:
SPOLEK VYSLOUŽILÝCH VOJINŮ PRO ZIDENICE A OKOLÍ

Reverse: In the center are the imperial Austrian eagle and a date.

Weight: Unknown

Size: 28 mm

Type of Material: Silver and silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

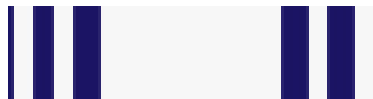
Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: White with two blue side stripes

Attachments: None known

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Upper Austria Soldiers and Veterans Society Faithful Service Medal
(Oberösterreich Krieger und Veternnenvereine true Arbeitmedaille)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: To reward members of the Upper Austrian Soldiers and Veterans Society for service to the society

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A hexagonal medal with attached wire loop eye and a raised rim

Obverse: In the center of the medal is the coat of arms of upper Austria with oak boughs on either side. Around the upper portion of the coat of arms in a semi-circle is an inscription: **KRIEGER U. VERERANEN LANDS-BUND O. O.** Translation: Soldiers and Veterans Society of Upper Austria. This is all inside a fine beaded line that parallels the edges of the medal.

Reverse: Inside the rim is a fine beaded line. Inside the line is an oak (on the right) and a laurel (on the left) bough tied at the bottom with a bow. Inside the wreath formed by these boughs is an inscription: **FÜR TREUE MITARBEIT.** Translation: for loyal service.

Weight: 12.8 grams

Size: 36 mm in width and 40 mm in height

Type of Material: Silver gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Yellow with two black side stripes

Attachments: None known

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Lower Austria Soldiers and Veterans Society 25 year Membership Medal
(Neiderosterreich Kreiger und Veternenvereine 25 Jahrige treue Mitgliedshaft)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: To reward members of the Lower Austrian Soldiers and Veterans Society for 25 years of service to the society

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A hexagonal medal with attached wire loop eye and a raised rim

Obverse: In the center of the medal are the coats of arms of Lower Austria with stylized plants on either side. Around the upper portion of the coat of arms in a semi-circle is an inscription: **KRIEGER LANDESBUND N. O.** translation: Soldiers Society of Lower Austria. This is all inside a fine beaded line that parallels the edges of the medal.

Reverse: Inside the rim is a fine beaded line. Inside the line is an oak (on the right) and a laurel (on the left) bough tied at the bottom with a bow. Inside the wreath formed by these boughs is an inscription in five lines: **FÜR 25 JÄHRIGE / TREUE / MITGLEID / SCHAFT.** Translation: for 25 years of loyal membership.

Weight: 25.5 grams with suspension

Size: 36 mm in width and 40 mm in height without suspension and 71 mm in height with suspension

Type of Material: Medal = Silver gilt, suspender is enameled brass

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: None

Attachments: A blue and yellow enameled suspension in the form of four flags over crossed swords and a display of laurel.

Miniature: Unknown





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Lower Austria National Soldiers Society Loyal Service Cross
(Niederösterreich Krieger Landesbund Treuer Dienst Kreuz)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: To reward members of the Lower Austrian Soldiers Society for loyal service

Classes or Types: Unknown

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross with attached loop eye

Obverse: A clawed cross with an attached round center medallion. The cross arms have a gilded metal edges within which is a white enameled border. Attached to the lower arm and the horizontal arms are gilt oak boughs. The boughs attached to the lower arm are tied at the bottom with a ribbon. Those passing over the upper arm are attached to the upper edge of the vertical arms. The boughs are decorated with acorns. The center medallion is inscribed around the edge **IN ANNERKENNUNG TREUER DIENST**. Translation: In Commemoration of Loyal Service. In the center of the medallion is inscribed **KRIEGER LANDESBUND N.O.** Translation: National Military Society Lower Austria

Reverse: Plain frosted gilt

Weight: 25.5 grams with suspension

Size: 43 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Gilt bronze and white enamel

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Half yellow and half blue with blue on the right

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Stuhlpenden Military Veterans Society Award
(Stuhlpenden Militar Veteranen Verein Auszeichnung)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: To honor members of the Stuhlpenden Veterans Society for faithful service

Classes or Types: Unknown

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A trophy of arms with attached loop eye

Obverse: A trophy of arms composed of down-pointed swords, flags, rifles, cannon, trumpets and cannon balls. And campaign hat. In the center of the trophy is a shield on which is placed the portrait of Emperor Franz Joseph facing to the viewers left. Above the bust is inscribed in two lines **MILITAR VETERANEN VEREIN**. Translation: Military Veterans Society. Below the bust is inscribed **STUHLPENDEN**. At the top of the badge is a ball shaped eye with suspension ring.

Reverse: Plain frosted gilt

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Gilt bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Half black and half yellow with the yellow on the right

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Veteran and Reserve Society Cross
(Veteranen Und Etappen Verein Kreuz)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: To honor members of the Veterans and Reserve Society for faithful service

Classes or Types: Unknown

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None

Design: A clawed cross with a round silver central medallion and a ball shaped eye

Obverse: A clawed cross with sloped edges and a pebbled interior. The inner margin of the arms has a pearled outline. Between the arms of the cross is a laurel wreath. On the center of the cross is a round silver central medallion with an oak wreath border tied at the bottom with a bow. In the center of the medallion is the letters **VuR.V.** (Veteran Und Reservisten Verien), translation: Veteran and Reserve Society. At the top of the cross is a ball shaped eye

Reverse: Unknown

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Gilt bronze and silver

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Red and white laddered ribbon

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Reschitza Veterans Society Faithful Service Medal
(ReschitzaVeteranen Verein Treuer Dienst Medaille)



Date Issued: Unknown

Reason Issued: To honor members of the Reschitza Veterans Society for faithful service

Classes or Types: Unknown

Interesting Facts:

- The town of Reschitza (today Reșița) was founded in 1772 in the Banat region, then an Austrian Crown territory. At the time this medal was issued, Reschitza was the largest industrial town in south-east Europe and over two-thirds of the population was of German descent. Under the Treaty of Trianon at the end of World War I, the eastern Banat, including Reschitza, became part of Romania.

Hallmarks: None

Design: A round medal with a raised rim and a loop shaped eye

Obverse: A round medal with a raised edge on which is a raised image of a stand of arms composed of two a knight's helmet, two down pointed swords, six flags and two crossed cannon pointing upwards below which are a drum and two stands of cannon balls. Superimposed on this stand of arms is a knight's breastplate. At the top of the medal is a loop shaped eye

Reverse: A round medal with a raised edge. Paralleling the edge of the medal is an oak and laurel beau with the laurel beau on the viewer's right. The beaus are tied at the bottom with a bow. Inside the wreath is an inscription in five lines: **MILITAR / VETERANEN-VEREIN / RESCHITZA / GEGRUNDET / 3.JUNI.1883.**

Translation: Reschitza Military Veterans Society, founded June 3, 1883

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze with a silver wash

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None known

Miniature: None known





Semi-Official Veterans Awards

Austrian Honor Legion Cross

(Osterreichischen Ehrenlegion Kreuz)



Date Issued: 1946 -

Reason Issued: Worn by members of the Austrian Honor Legion to denote military service in WWII

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: This medal is being included because many WWI veterans who also served in WWII would have been entitled to it although strictly speaking it is not an imperial award

Hallmarks: SCHWERTNER & ?IE on the reverse of the lower cross arm.

Design: A cross with a narrow laurel wreath between the arms and an attached wedge shaped eye brazed to the top arm of the cross. Between the arms of the cross pass swords

Obverse: A cross with a narrow laurel leaf wreath which passes over the lower arm and under the horizontal arms ending over the edges of the upper arm and swords passing between the arms. The arms have a narrow raised rim and are finely pebbled. The arms are inscribed as follows: Upper arm = **1939 FUR**, horizontal arms = **HEIMAT and VOLK**, the lower arm = **UND 1945**. Translation: 1939-1945 for Homeland and People.

Reverse: Plain with an inscription on the lower portion of the lower arm The inscription reads **Schwertner & ?ie**.

Weight: 21 grams

Size: 43 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Schwertner

Manufacturer: Schwertner

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Half white and half red with red on the right

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known

